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For: **TAUT MOORING SYSTEM FOR JACK-UP TYPE MOBILE OFFSHORE  
PLATFORM**

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action of August 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

A Request for an Extension of time for one month and a check for \$55 is included herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2426 (reference 21964-P002US) of Winstead Sechrest & Minick.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.